

WARNORD

From: Commander, Navy Installations Command
To: Region Commanders, Chiefs of Staff, and Executive Directors
Info: All CNIC N-Codes and Special Assistants

Ref: (a) NAVADMIN 159/12: 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway
(b) VADM French email to REGCOMs sent 3/18/2012 11:26 am
(c) ALPACFLT 005/12: Battle of Midway 70th Anniversary Commemoration
(d) NAVADMIN 398/11: Battle of Midway Commemoration Planning Order

As a follow-up to references (a) and (b), this Warning Order provides guidance for the 2012 commemoration of the anniversary of the Battle of Midway (BOM). Please pass to Installation Commanding Officers for widest dissemination.

1. SITUATION:

a. References (c) and (d) direct Navy commands to execute a commemorative event that has global impact commensurate with the significance of the Battle of Midway (BOM). June 4, 2012 marks the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway. This battle is our Navy's most historically significant Naval victory and the Sailors who fought that battle embody our Navy's core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

b. If appropriate and feasible, BOM commemorative events may be constructively synchronized with bicentennial commemorative events for War of 1812. The fighting spirit, ingenuity, and boldness which defined our Navy during the Battle of Midway and the War of 1812 lives on in our Sailors of 2012.

c. Each Region shall host a wreath laying ceremony as a focal point for the commands in their area and the community at large. Additionally, each Installation Commanding Officer (CO) and Officer in Charge (OIC) should plan activities and use products from Navy History and Heritage Command to educate our Sailors and local community on the significance of the Battle of Midway and the relevance of our Navy today.

2. MISSION: To honor the heroes of the Battle of Midway with simultaneous wreath laying ceremonies by all Navy Regions and Installations. Additionally, all Region Commanders (REGCOMs), COs, and OICs will organize and/or participate in planned activities to imbue in our Sailors the importance and significance of the Battle of Midway and our Navy legacy.

3. EXECUTION: From now until 4 June 2012

4. APPLICABILITY: CNIC REGCOMs, COs, and OICs.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

a. REGCOMs and COs use the following guidelines to commemorate the Battle of Midway:

(1) Conduct a wreath laying ceremony 4 June 2012.

(2) Regions may select an installation in their area to conduct a joint wreath laying ceremony.

(3) Installations co-located in the same geographic area may combine resources and conduct a joint ceremony.

(4) The wreath laying ceremony should at a minimum include the following elements:

(a) Master of Ceremonies

(b) Color Guard

(c) Honor Cordon (if required)

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- (d) Playing of the National Anthem
- (e) Invocation
- (f) Wreath laying followed by playing of taps
- (g) Welcome Comments by Host
- (h) Comments by Highest Ranking Officer in attendance
- (i) Playing of Marine's Hymn and Anchors Aweigh
- (j) Benediction

(5) A full script template for a Battle of Midway Wreath Laying Commemoration is located at Navy History and Heritage Command web site under "Past Midway Commemoration Information":
<http://www.history.navy.mil/commemorations/midway/midway-index.htm>

b. All Installation COs and OICs will plan activities to inform and educate our Sailors on the rich legacy and heritage as well as lessons learned from the Battle of Midway, such as: Plan of the Day/week notices, All Hands call, discussions at quarters/departments meetings/roll call, etc.

(1) Other ideas include, but are not limited to hosting or presenting Midway presentations with partnership schools, leveraging local national cemeteries or WWII historical sites, volunteering at a local Veteran's home, etc.

(2) Resources for Plan of the Day notices, videos, oral histories, strategic, tactical and operational lessons learned are all available at the NHHC web site: <http://www.history.navy.mil/commemorations/midway/midway-index.htm>

(3) In support of "other events to host", CNIC Navy Motion Picture Service (N922) has secured the public performance license for the feature movie "Battle of Midway" and it will be included in the May shipment of DVD movies to the field. Originally released in 1976 the film is a dramatization of the battle that turned out to be the turning point of the Pacific Theatre of World War II.

c. Region and Installation Public Affairs Officers will:

(1) Publish related Battle of Midway news stories in local Region or base newspapers.

(2) Use social media to further publish Battle of Midway history and facts.

(3) Provide photo support to events and post on command web pages/social media sites.

(4) Provide NAVNEWS articles on significant or unique events or activities.

6. LOGISTICS: NA

7. FUNDING: No additional funding will be provided by CNIC HQ.

8. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS: Dependent on Region and Installation planned events

9. REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS:

a. CNIC PAO will:

(1) Compile and forward a list of all planned activities of CNIC

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commands to NHHHC for incorporation into a matrix of Navy wide planned activities.

(2) Compile after-action reports and lessons learned and forward to NHHHC.

b. REGCOMs will:

(1) Report to CNIC by 28 May 2012 all planned Battle of Midway commemoration activities scheduled within AOR and post them on the following link:
<https://g2.cnice.navy.mil/tscnichq/PA/Community%20Relations/Forms/comrel.aspx>

(2) NLT 15 Jun 2012, provide a Region-wide after-action report with lessons learned if applicable, to CNIC Public Affairs Enterprise G2 Team Space. Feedback form will also be located on the following link:
<https://g2.cnice.navy.mil/tscnichq/PA/Community%20Relations/Forms/comrel.aspx>

10. STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS GUIDANCE:

a. CHINFO has provided public affairs guidance via separate correspondence to Region and installation PAOs. Additionally, CHINFO has posted supporting documents to include Rhumblines, sample stock ceremony remarks. Speech/video/oral histories for reference in drafting speeches, remarks, etc. at the following link:
<http://www.navy.mil/midway/resources.html>

b. The Director of Navy History and Heritage Command (NHHHC) has supporting documents and information for use at the following link:
<http://www.history.navy.mil/commemorations/midway/midway-index.htm>

11. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS: CNIC will coordinate commemoration efforts with NHHHC and CHINFO as directed in references (c) and (d) and by DNS/VCNO.

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